

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

### Pursuant to Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA), Market Development Branch (MDB), is seeking proposals in response to a Request for Proposals RFP-14-01-ADD.

HDOA/MDB announces the availability of \$72,000.00 in funds provided through the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004, which authorizes the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through grants to state departments of agriculture. The purpose of this project is to develop a program that connects export ready Hawaii farmers with postharvest technology to establish pest risk reduction protocols to facilitate the export of Hawaii specialty crops.

To achieve this goal, \$72,000.00 is available in funds for one proposed project to coordinate with industry stakeholders to develop dose mapping standards for postharvest irradiation treatment of at least 14 fruits and/or vegetables that are on the approved list for movement outside of Hawaii. Proposals must include outreach plans to coordinate with at least 30 stakeholders statewide and show how the results will be made available to participants and other industry stakeholders.

One original signed complete copy or an electronic complete copy in Word format with a signed endorsement statement to be received at the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development Division, located at 1428 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-2512 or emailed to [sharon.k.hurd@hawaii.gov](mailto:sharon.k.hurd@hawaii.gov) no later than **4:30 pm Hawaii Standard Time on Friday, April 1, 2014**. For offerors submitting proposals through the US mail, they are strongly encouraged to submit completed and signed proposals using overnight mail or delivery service to ensure timely receipt by HDOA. Timely receipt of proposals shall be evidenced by the date and time registered by the ADD office time stamp clock. Any proposals received through email or by the United States Postal Service (USPS) or any other carrier service AFTER the 4:30 pm deadline will be automatically rejected and will not be reviewed by the evaluation committee.

For further information, interested parties are encouraged to contact the Agricultural Development Division, Attention: Sharon Hurd, Telephone: (808) 973-9465, Facsimile: (808) 973-9590, Email: [sharon.k.hurd@hawaii.gov](mailto:sharon.k.hurd@hawaii.gov).

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